These services are provided to people in the home of non-related persons. Home settings are approved and routinely monitored by public and private providers. EFL supports and services are provided for the purpose of meeting the physical, emotional, educational, habilitative, and social needs of the individual in a family setting.

SUPPORTED LIVING

These services are intended to assist a person in living independently. Individual's needs are identified through a person-centered planning process. Services include supported employment, habilitation, pre-vocational services, respite, and personal emergency response systems.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMS

These teams provide supports and services to people who need intensive treatment intervention to allow them to remain in their community setting. These supports and services are provided in the community, rather than in office-based practices. Teams consist of psychologists, social workers, nurses, and psychiatrists and provide services on a 24-hour, 7 day a week basis. Services include assessments, behavioral supports, psychiatric services, family support and education, support coordination, and other services critical to living successfully in the community.

RESOURCE CENTERS

Resource Centers extend their services to people with disabilities, their families, providers, professionals, and other state agencies. They provide leadership, enhance communication and collaboration, and seek to increase the availably and capacity of support and services to people with developmental disabilities. Services include trainings, curriculum development, resource materials provision, and peer and program reviews. Five resource centers are located around the state.

For additional information, call or visit your regional community services office or visit the OCDD website at www.ocdd.dhh.louisiana.gov.

INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (ICF/DD)

An ICF/DD is an institution offering services for persons with developmental disabilities. The purpose of the ICF/DD is that of diagnosis, treatment, or habilitation. The ICF/DD provides a protected residential setting, ongoing evaluation, planning, 24 hour supervision, coordination, and integration of health and habilitative services that are individualized per participant needs. Participants receive dental, medical and nursing services. ICF/ DD services are provided in a broad range of residential services settings, such as community homes (up to 8 people), group homes (9-15 people), small (16-32 people), or large (33+) institutions. ICF/DD services are offered by privately operated agencies across the state and by state-operated supports and services centers located in nine areas of the state.

WAIVER SERVICES

Medicaid Home and Community-based Waiver programs allow people greater flexibility to choose where they want to live and to use services and supports that best suit their needs. Services are provided in the home and in the community. All waiver recipients' health and welfare must be assured via the Individual Supports Plan. Waiver services must represent a least restrictive treatment alternative.

Children's Choice Waiver offers supplemental support to children through age 18 who currently live at home with their families or with a foster family. Waiver participants are eligible for all medically necessary Medicaid services and will also receive the waiver services funding for: Support Coordination, family supports,

center-based respite, environmental accessibility adaptations (including vehicles), and family training. Children who age out of the waiver are offered an appropriate waiver for adults.

New Opportunities Waiver offers people age 3 and older specific activities and focused support the include: individual and family supports (day and night) community integration and development environmental accessibility adaptations, specialized medical equipment and supplies, support living, substitute family care, day habilitation or supported employment with transportation, employment related training, professional services, personal emergency response systems, skilled nursing services, center-based respite, and one-time transitional services.

Supports Waiver offers people age 18 and older specific, activity focused services that include: supported employment; day habilitation; prevocational services; respite; habilitation; and personal emergency response systems.

Residential Options Waiver offers persons of all ages a range of services within an overall budget. ROW is designed to support persons to move from ICFs/DD and nursing facilities to community-based settings and to serve as an alternative to institutionalization. ROW provides individual and family supports options, employment/habilitation options, skilled nursing, professional, behavioral, and other related specific, activity focused supports.

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WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY?

A developmental disability means either:

A severe, chronic disability of a person that

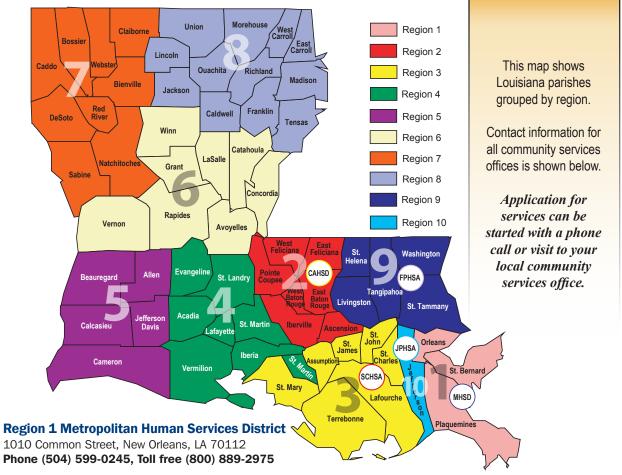
- is attributable to an intellectual or physical impairment or combination of intellectual and physical impairments;
- is manifested before the person reaches age twenty-two;
- is likely to continue indefinitely;
- ▶ results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, selfdirection, capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency;
- is not attributed solely to mental illness;
- ▶ reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services of lifelong or extended duration, and are individually planned and coordinated;

-OR-

A substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition in a person from birth through age nine; who, without support and services, has a high probability of resulting in those criteria (listed above) later in life that may be considered to be a developmental disability.

If you believe you or a member of your family may meet these criteria and need services, you may apply at your local community services office *(see map)*.

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities is committed to providing quality services and supports, information, and opportunities for choice to people with developmental disabilities and their families.



Region 2 Capital Area Human Services District

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Region 3 South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority

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Phone (985) 449-5167, Toll free (800) 861-0241

Region 4 Community Services Office

214 Jefferson St., Room 301, Lafayette, LA 70501 **Phone (337) 262-5610, Toll free (800) 648-1484**

Region 5 Community Services Office

3501 Fifth Avenue, Suite C2, Lake Charles, LA 70607 **Phone (337) 475-8045, Toll free (800) 631-8810**

Region 6 Community Services Office

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Region 7 Community Services Office

3018 Old Minden Road, Suite 1211, Bossier, LA 71112 **Phone (318) 741-7455, Toll free (800) 862-1409**

Region 8 Community Services Office

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Region 9 Florida Parishes Human Services Authority

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Region 10 Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority

3300 W. Esplanade Avenue, Suite 213, Metairie, LA 70002 **Phone (504) 838-5357**

The OCDD serves as the Single Point of Entry into the developmental disabilities services system and oversees public and private residential services and other services for people with developmental disabilities.

To apply for services, call or visit your regional community services office. See your local contact information listed to the left.

The following are brief descriptions of services:

EARLYSTEPS

Louisiana's early intervention system for children with disabilities and developmental delay ages birth to three, provides speech-language, occupational, and physical therapies; special instruction; assistive technology; service coordination; medical; health and nursing services; audiology and vision services; social work services; psychology services; family training; nutritional services; and transportation. Services and supports provided are designed to assist families in meeting the developmental needs of their child. For eligibility determination in EarlySteps call 1-866-EarlySteps (327-5978).

CASH SUBSIDY

OCDD provides monthly stipends to families of eligible children with severe or profound developmental disabilities from birth to age 18 to help families meet extraordinary costs.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Individual and Family Support provides assistance not available from any other resource. These services include respite care; personal assistance services; specialized clothing; dental and medical services; equipment and supplies; communication services; crisis intervention; specialized utility costs; specialized nutrition; and family education. Services are provided through contractual agreements by private provider agencies or through individualized agreements with individuals and families who obtain their own service providers.